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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REMARKS

Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 39-56 as being based on new matter added to the patent for which reissue is sought. The Examiner's position that Applicant, in describing the coil of the present invention, as including interior, intermediate and peripheral portions and providing different magnetic fluxes for these different coil portions is incorrect.

Firstly, Applicant notes that the patent corresponding to this reissue application was cited as an anticipatory reference against Serial Number 08/931,503, commonly assigned with the present application. Examiner Bettendorf, issued a November 15, 1999, Office Action in which the patent corresponding to the